

Minutes

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

February 18, 2004

3:30 pm — 4:30 pm

206 Sandy Hall

Present: Dr. Scott Case, Dr. Don Creamer, Dr. Karen DePauw, Dr. Klaus Elgert, Dr. Rakesh Kapania, Ms. Margaret Merrill, Dr. Kent Murrmann, Dr. John Ney, Ms. Tina Peterson, Ms. Yvette Quintela, Dr. Dvajad Salehi, Dr. Mehdi Setareh, Mr. Terrell Strayhorn, Dr. Sherri Turner

Absent with Notification: Mr. David Avery, Dr. Roger Avery, Dr. Stephen Boyle, Dr. Ron Daniel, Ms. Laura Fornash, Dr. Jerry Gibson, Dr. Eileen Hitchingham, Professor Ron Kagawa, Mr. Greg Lemmond, Ms. Meagan Elwood Madden, Ms. Mary Schaeffer

Absent without Notice: Dr. Sharron Quisenberry

Invited Guests: Ms. Nancy Feuerbach, Mr. Marvin Foushee, Ms. Angie Webb

Approval of the agenda: Approved.

Approval of minutes from February 4, 2004: Approved.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC): The commission voted to approve the GCC minutes from February 12, 2004.

Graduate Student Appeals: No report.

Graduate Student Relations: Ms. Margaret Merrill reported that the faculty senate approved the revised rights and responsibilities [Building Graduate Community: Expectations for Graduate Education at Virginia Tech] document. Dr. Kapania asked that the document include the words "and create" to read: "to acquire *and create* the knowledge and comprehension needed to address the complex issues of today's society and tomorrow's future." The Commission on Research will review and comment on the revised document.

Degree Requirement Standards Criteria and Academic Policy (DRSCAP): No report.

Other Reports

Graduate Student Assembly (GSA): No report.

Graduate Honor System (GHS): No report.

University Library Committee (ULC): No report.

Dr. Karen DePauw: Transformative Graduate Education

Dr. Karen DePauw, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the [Graduate School](#), presented Transformative Graduate Education. The purpose of transformative graduate education is to enhance the preparation and better equip VT graduate students with knowledge and skills for meaningful and

relevant contributions to [the] 21st century. Dr. DePauw will work closely with the commission to successfully realize the initiatives of transformative graduate education at Virginia Tech.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: Dr. Kapania congratulated Dr. Ney on receiving the Meritorious Service Award from the American Fisheries Society.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Nancy B. Feuerbach, on behalf of

Dr. Karen P. DePauw, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School